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SUBJECT: NJCEC MEETING, MAR F0-21, 1975

REFS: A. NAC 3380

B. USNATO 877

C. USNATO 878

D. USNATO 943

E. USNATO 1006

F. USNATO 1054

G. USNATO 1116

SUMMARY: MESSAGE NAC 3380 IS FINAL AGENDA FOR SUBJECT MEETING.

MISSION NOW UPDATES INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES

(REFS B THROUGH G) ON AGENDA ITEMS. END SUMMARY.

1. NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF (NIS) ISSUED FINAL AGENDA FOR NATO

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JOINT C-E COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 20-21, 1975 BY MESSAGE NAC

3380. BY PREVIOUS MESSAGES (REFS B THROUGH G) MISSION PROVIDED

INFORMATION AND COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. THIS MESSAGE CONVEYS

UPDATE INFORMATION.

2. ITEM I. DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) NICSMA WILL GIVE REPORT ON NICS IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS, ORALLY UPDATING INFORMATION IN LATEST EDITION OF NICS IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT (NICS "BLUE BOOK"). IN FIRST QUICK REVIEW OF BLUE BOOK REVISION, MISSION DID NOT FIND ANY INFORMATION DEVIATING SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THAT ALREADY KNOWN. HOWEVER, NJCEC DECISIONS AT FORTHCOMING MEETING LIKELY WILL NECESSITATE MANY CHANGES. AT PRESENT NICSMA ISSUES COMPLETE REVISIONS TO BLUE BOOK SHORTLY BEFORE NJCEC MEETINGS. PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION DELAYS PREVENT DETAILED REVIEW IN CAPITALS BEFORE MEETING. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT US REP TO NJCEC ASK THAT NICSMA PREPARE AND ISSUE PAGE CHANGES AS THE INFORMATION CHANGES RATHER THAN MAKING COMPLETE REVISION AT ONCE.

3. ITEM II. MESSAGE NAC 3353 (AMENDED BY NAC 3366) TRANSMITS JOINT C-E WORKING GROUP REPORT ON DEFINITION OF NICS AND INDICATES COURSE CHAIRMAN NJCEC INTENDS TO FOLLOW AT MEETING. MISSION REPORTED BACKGROUND IN USNATO 877. IN NAC 3353, CHAIRMAN NJCEC RAISES QUESTION ON WHETHER OR NOT NATO NEEDS TO DEFINE NICS. MISSION BELIEVES A DEFINITION IS NECESSARY, INTER ALIA, TO DELINEATE RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN NICSMA AND THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDS (MNCS), TO IDENTIFY PROCUREMENTS SUBJECT TO NICS PRODUCTION SHARING, AND TO AVOID POSSIBLE (OR ATTEMPTED) DUPLICATION OF FACILITIES BETWEEN NICS AND THE MNCS. CHAIRMAN MAY SUGGEST THAT NJCEC RELIEVE DG NICSMA OF RESPONSIBILITY TO DEFINE NICS AND REASSIGN THIS TASK TO JOINT C-E WORKING GROUP (JCEWG) WITH INSTRUCTIONS FIRST TO DETERMINE THE PURPOSE OF THE DEFINITION. MISSION SUPPORTS THIS COURSE AND RECOMMENDS THAT US REP PROPOSE IT IF CHAIRMAN OR OTHER NATIONAL REP DOES NOT.

4. ITEM III. ADDENDUM TO NICSMA-D/53 PRESENTS TWO VARIATIONS FOR NICS IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH 1980. MNCS STRONGLY OPPOSE THE NICSMA-FAVORED VARIATION B. NO CLEAR CONSENSUS HAS EMERGED AMONG NATIONAL DELEGATIONS. SOME NATIONAL REPS APPEAR RELUCTANT TO DISAGREE WITH MNCS, SO THEY FAVOR DELAYING FUNDS TO START INTEGRATION BEFORE 1980. OTHERS BELIEVE NICSMA MUST MOVE RAPIDLY TOWARD AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM. NIS REP (VAN DER WILLIGEN) EXPECTS CONFIDENTIAL

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SPLIT IN NJCEC. HE IS PREPARING A COMPROMISE VARIATION WHICH INCLUDES ALL 18 OPERATIONAL TARES AND ONLY MINIMAL FUNDING TO PERMIT PLANNING FOR NODES. HE DOUBTS ABILITY OF NICSMA TO PROCURE NODAL SWITCHES BY 1980, AND HE ANTICIPATES THAT INFLATION AND COST UNDERESTIMATION WILL ERODE MOST OF SAVINGS PROJECTED BY NICSMA TO ALLOW VARIATION B IT FAVORS. MISSION REAFFIRMS VIEWS PRESENTED IN USNATO 1054 AND RECOMMENDS THAT US SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS CHAIRMAN NJCEC TRANSMITTED IN MESSAGE NAC 3373. US SHOULD AGREE TO A WEAK COMPROMISE ONLY IF NECESSARY TO PREVENT DELAYING TOTAL NICS PROGRAM.

5. ITEM VIII. CHAIRMAN NJCEC MAY ASK FRENCH TO DELAY THIS BEIFING UNTIL FALL 1975 MEETING SO AS TO SHORTEN AGENDA OF

FORTHCOMING MEETING.

6. ITEM XIII. CHAIRMAN IN INTRODUCING THIS ITEM PROBABLY WILL COMMENT ON TARDINESS OF SHAPE ACTION. SOME NATIONAL REPS (BELGIAN IN PARTICULAR) HAVE COMMENTED THAT THEY CANNOT AGREE TO ACTIVATION OF THE CENTRAL OPERATING AUTHORITY UNTIL THEY HAVE REVIEWED THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE.

7. ITEM XIII. CHAIRMAN IN MESSAGE NAC 3385 RECOMMENDS ACTION FOR NJCEC. MISSION BELIEVES CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATIONS FALL SHORT AND REAFFIRMS ITS VIEWS STATED IN USNATO 943.

8. ITEM XIV. MISSION EXPECTS ITALIAN REP TO NJCEC TO TAKE FIRM STAND THAT LATINA IS PROPER PLACE FOR ALL NICS TRAINING. SHAPE WANTS TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL AT LATINA BUT HAS NOT PUBLICLY STATED REASONS. THE CHIEF REASON, ACTUALLY AN OPEN SECRET, IS THAT THE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE UNSATISFACTORY. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ITALY MAY PROPOSE TO ENHANCE FACILITIES OR OFFER NEW LOCATION TO RETAIN SCHOOL IN ITS BOUNDARIES.

9. ITEM XVII. IN MESSAGE NAC 3382, CHAIRMAN ADVISES NJCEC REPS OF DPC ACTION ON MANNING OF THE NICS. HE RECOMMENDS THAT NJCEC DEFER MANNING UNTIL PENDING CONCLUSION OF DPC ACTION. MISSION AGREES.

10 ITEM XVIII. BY MESSAGE NAC 3383, CHAIRMAN NJCEC TRANSMITTED JCEWG RECOMMENDATION THAT REPS TO NJCEC MAKE STATEMENT OF INTENT CONFIDENTIAL

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AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEIR NATIONS CAN SHARE FACILITIES WITH NATO. IN PARA 10 OF USNATO 1116, MISSION PRESENTED ELABORATION AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THIS APPROACH.

11. ITEM XX. NIS IS DRAFTING PROPOSED ANNUAL REPORT FROM NJCEC TO DPC, CHAIRMAN WILL OFFICIALLY DISTRIBUTE DRAFT AT BEGINNING OF PART II OF MEETING. DRAFT WILL RECORD SOME SEVEN POLICY DECISIONS NJCEC MADE IN PAST YEAR, NICS IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS (ESSENTIALLY PARA 10 OF NICSMA-D/55) AND A SERIES OF GENERAL OBSERVATIONS. DELAY IN NICS CAUSED BY NATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES (E.G., PRODUCTION SHARING) IS FOREMOST TOPIC.

12. MISSION WILL HOST A US ONLY PRE-NJCEC MEETING ON WED, MAR 19 BEGINNING AT 1115 TO PERMIT FINAL COORDINATION OF US POSITIONS. MISSION REP WILL PROVIDE ANY FURTHER UPDATE INFORMATION AT THAT MEETING.
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